

Information Found on Census Forms by Year

- FROM 1790 TO 1840:** only head of the household (primarily male) is named. Numbers of people in the household broken into age and categories, also by color and whether free or not.
- 1790** First US census. Name of head of household only and number of individuals present (free or enslaved). Total loss of records for prior for DE, GA, KY, NJ, TN, VA.
- 1800:** Location of residence and additional age categories added. Total loss of records for GA, KY, NJ, VA, and TN.
- 1810:** Total loss of records for Washington, DC, GA, NJ, TN, and VA.
- 1820:** Non-naturalized persons counted; some occupational facts. Partial loss of records for AL, AR, MO, NJ, and TN.
- 1830:** Printed schedules used for first time. Partial loss of records for MA, MD, and MS.
- 1840:** Facts regarding adult literacy included. Revolutionary pensioners listed by name on lower half of page. No significant loss of records.
- 1850:** Full names for non-enslaved people. Name, Age, Sex, Color; Profession/Occupation Males over 15; Real estate value; Place of birth; If married within year; Advanced school within year; Persons over 20 cannot read/write; Whether deaf, dumb, idiotic.
- 1860:** Information about value of personal estates added. Name, Age, Sex, Color; Profession/Occupation Males over 15; Real Estate Value; Place of Birth; Married within year; Advanced school within year; Persons over 20 whether can read/write; Whether deaf, dumb, or idiotic.
- 1870:** "Slave schedules" discontinued. Name, Age, Sex, Color; Profession/Occupation Males over 15; Real estate value; Value personal property; Place of birth; Mother/Father foreign-born; If born or married in past year, month; Ability to read, write; Deaf, dumb, idiotic; Males 21+ vote/not
- 1880:** Additional facts added for birthplace of parents and relationship to head of household. Name, Age, Sex, Color; Month if born or married in census year; Relationship to head; Single, Married, Widowed; Profession/Occupation, number of months unemployed; Disabled, sick, blind, deaf & dumb, Insane, maimed (more info on entries on DDD schedules); Cannot read or write; Place of birth, Self, Father, Mother.
- 1885:** Little known partial census, conducted in only a handful of states and territories: New Mexico Territory, Florida, Nebraska, and Colorado.
- 1890:** Several new questions, including date of immigration and number of children. Near total loss for all states. Fragments exist only for states of AL, DC, GA, IL, MN, NJ, NY, NC, OH, SD, and TX.
**See specifics below.
- 1900:** Additional facts about home ownership. Name, Sex, Color Age last birthday; Relation to Head; Date of birth, month year; Single, Married, Widowed; Number of years in present marriage; Mother of how many children; number still living; Place of birth, Self, Father, Mother; Year immigrated US; # years in US; Naturalization; Profession or Occupation; Number of months unemployed; Education; Ability to read, write; Home Ownership.

- 1910:** Questions regarding military service and employment expanded. Native language of individuals. Name, Sex, Color Age; Relation to Head; Single, Married, Widowed; Number of years in present marriage. Number of children birthed, number living. Place of birth, Self, Father, Mother; Year US Immigration, Naturalization; Occupation, Industry Employee/employer or work on own; Read Write Attend school; Home Owner; Served in Civil War; Blind, deaf, or dumb
- 1920:** Individuals recorded by permanent residence rather than by location. Native Americans no longer enumerated separately. Name, Sex, Color Age; Relationship to Head; Single, Married, Widowed; US Immigration Year; Naturalization; Attend school last year; Read Write; Place of birth, Mother tongue Self, Father, Mother; Able to speak English; Occupation, Industry employee, employer or working on own.
- 1930:** Additional race classifications added. Name, Sex, Color, Age last birthday; Marital status, Age at first marriage; Relationship to Head; Home: Owned? Value, Farm, Radio; Attend school last year; Ability to Read Write; Place of birth, Self, Father, Mother; Language spoken at home; Occupation, Industry, actually working; Veteran: War.
- 1940:** Name, Sex, Color Age last birthday Marital status; Relationship to head; Home: Owned, Value, Farm; Attended school last year, Highest grade; Place of birth, Self, Father, Mother; Citizenship; Occupation, Industry, Whether actually working; Income; Veteran: War; SS #, Deductions; Women: Number of marriages, age 1st Marriage; Number of children; Where living 1935. Supplemental questions added for 5% of population regarding military, employment, and children.
- 1950:** Name, Sex, Color Age last birthday Marital status; Relationship to head; Work status; Occupation, Industry. Sample lines (6 per sheet): Where living year ago; Birthplace of parents (country); Highest grade attended/finished, Attended school since Feb 1
- 1960:** First mail-out census, a combined population/housing questionnaire to all US *urban residents*. Residents to complete questionnaire and hold for enumerator to collect. Enumerators then gave additional sample questionnaire to 25% of households, with instructions to mail back to census office. *Rural residents* enumerated by traditional visitation. Census "short form" collected only name and five questions: relationship to head of household, age, sex, race, and marital status. Census questionnaire and enumerators collected additional extensive information.

By federal law US census records are available until 72 years after the census year, which means the 1960 census will be available 1 April 2032.

- ** Specifically, three rolls exist: *Roll 1:* Perry Co, AL (Perryville Beat No.11 and Severe Beat No. 8) [fragments 1-455]. *Roll 2:* DC. Q, 13th, 14th, R, Q, Corcoran, 15th, S, R, and Riggs Streets, Johnson Avenue, and S Street [fragments 456-781]. *Roll 3:* Muscogee Co (Columbus), GA; McDonough Co (Mound Twp.), IL; Wright Co (Rockford), MN; Hudson Co (Jersey City), NJ; Westchester Co, (Eastchester); and Suffolk Co (Brookhaven Twp.), NY; Gaston Co (South Point Twp. and River Bend Twp.) and Cleveland Co (Twp. No. 2), NC; Hamilton Co (Cincinnati) and Clinton Co (Wayne Twp.), OH; Union Co (Jefferson Twp.), SD; Ellis Co (J.P. No. 6, Mountain Peak, and Ovilla Precinct), Hood Co (Precinct No. 5), Rusk Co (No. 6 and J.P. No. 7), Trinity Co (Trinity Town and Precinct No. 2) and Kaufman Co.**